

# 2018 Forestry Industry Bargaining

## USW LOCAL 1-417 UPDATE

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### Parties Seek Labour Board Mediation

Your Committee returned to the bargaining table with the IFLRA in Kelowna BC on October 30<sup>th</sup> with a 98% strike mandate. USW members' outrage was clear to the southern forestry employers as a new IFLRA proposal was tabled, removing many of their concessions.

Regrettably, this progress was short lived. After two days of attempting to find middle ground, your committee determined the southern employers needed to understand USW members were serious and served 72-hour strike notice.

Your Committee remains determined to negotiate a fair collective agreement that ensures workers share in the employer past and future profits. The parties agreed in order to conclude a new agreement without escalating strike action, mediation will be required.

The parties applied for an appointment of a labour board mediator on November 1, 2018. Until Mediation is concluded both parties in the South are restricted from engaging in either a strike or lockout.

Additional information will be provided when available.

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